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#### HONORING JOHN BEAUMONT

#### HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 3, 2013*

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize John Beaumont, an influential and respected individual whose work on behalf of California's labor community is not only remarkable, but truly commendable.

John began his long-standing career as a labor leader in Ventura County. It was here where he joined Branch 2902 of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) and began his commitment to the organization and the thousands of individuals it represents. Since its establishment in 1889, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) has been safeguarding the rights, liberties and well-being of the United States Postal Service employees.

Over the trajectory of his career, John has successfully climbed the professional ladder on multiple occasions. He served as the NALC Branch 231's Financial Officer and was also elected as the Director of Education for the California State Association of Letter Carriers (SCALC). He served as the California State Association of Letter Carriers Vice President and subsequently became the organization's first, full-time President.

John's perseverance and overarching dedication to our labor force has been instrumental in the fruition and strengthening of California's working families. Under John's unwavering leadership, dozens of NALC branches across the state of California have prospered and successfully executed numerous labor campaigns and initiatives.

John exemplifies the finest in California's workforce. His dedication to our community and state is one that I applaud. It gives me great pleasure to join Tri-Counties Central Labor Council in honoring John Beaumont's work.

#### SUPPORT FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

#### HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 3, 2013*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Since 1985, October has been designated as

the month in which we campaign to raise awareness for breast cancer and celebrate the victories in research and innovation in treatment.

In 2013, an estimated 300,000 new cases of invasive and non-invasive breast cancer in women will arise and almost 40,000 women will die of breast cancer. In men, more than 2,000 cases of invasive breast cancer will be detected and about 400 men will die from breast cancer. Though the numbers are disheartening, breast cancer research has made significant strides.

Early detection of breast cancer through mammograms improves survival rates. Regular screenings remain the best way to detect breast cancer and women should be encouraged to get regular exams. While 70 percent of women receive regular mammograms, this number can still be higher to increase prevention.

Unfortunately, we all know someone—a sister, mother, daughter, aunt, or another loved one—who has been diagnosed and suffered through breast cancer. Each year, the month of October reminds us of those lost and the survivors whose stories can empower us to continue to raise awareness and strive to find a cure for breast cancer. Please join me in supporting Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

#### A TRIBUTE TO SARAH BERNDT— 2013 MILKEN EDUCATOR HONOREE

#### HON. GWEN MOORE

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 3, 2013*

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sarah Berndt, a Milwaukee Public School teacher at Ronald Reagan College Preparatory High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Ms. Berndt, recipient of the 2013 Milken Educator Award, teaches ninth grade Spanish and an introductory international baccalaureate class.

Ms. Berndt, one of only 40 teachers in the United States to receive this prestigious award in 2013, was honored before her peers, students and dignitaries at Ronald Reagan High School on October 2, 2013. The Milken Educator Award was founded in 1985 by the Milken Family Foundation. The award recognizes early and midcareer teachers who have made a significant impact and have promising futures in the field.

Ms. Berndt pursued teaching as a career because: "I wanted to inspire and be inspired. I wanted it to be more of a collaborative adventure than a dictatorship. I wanted to be different." Ms. Berndt has taught at Ronald Reagan High School for three years and is respected by students and faculty alike.

In order to be considered for a Milken Award, the individual must exhibit the following attributes: exhibit exceptional instructional talent and student learning results; demonstrate accomplishments outside the classroom that provide a model of professional excellence; be an early to midcareer educator who offers long-range potential for leadership; and be an educator whose contributions may be unheralded but worthy of the spotlight.

Ms. Berndt has met all the criteria and has made a difference in the lives of her students and faculty at Ronald Reagan College Pre-

paratory High School. She has inspired the entire Milwaukee Public System with her achievement.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Sarah Berndt. The citizens of the Fourth Congressional District and the state of Wisconsin are privileged to have someone of her ability and dedicated service teaching and guiding our future leaders. I am honored, for these reasons, to pay tribute to Sarah Berndt.

#### CONGRATULATING REX TILLERSON ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING

#### HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 3, 2013*

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize and congratulate Rex W. Tillerson of Irving, Texas, for his induction into the National Academy of Engineering, which will take place on October 6, 2013, here in Washington, DC.

Induction into the National Academy of Engineering is one of the highest professional honors that engineers can receive. Members are elected by their peers in annual classes. This year's class consists of 69 members and 11 foreign associates from various different engineering fields. Membership recognizes "those who have made outstanding contributions to 'engineering research, practice, or education, including where appropriate, significant contributions to the engineering literature' and to the 'pioneering of new and developing fields of technology, making major advancements in traditional fields of engineering, or developing/implementing innovative approaches to engineering education.'" Mr. Tillerson's election is specifically for his "engineering leadership in the production of hydrocarbons in remote and hostile environments."

Rex Tillerson may be known to many as the Chairman and CEO of Exxon Mobil Corporation, but he is also a remarkable engineer in his own right. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of Texas at Austin in 1975 and joined Exxon Company, U.S.A. in that same year. Starting as an engineer, Tillerson worked his way up the ranks of Exxon—becoming President of Exxon Yemen Inc. and Esso Exploration and Production Khorat Inc. in 1995, Vice President of Exxon Ventures and President of Exxon Neftegaz Ltd. in 1998, and Executive Vice President of the newly merged ExxonMobil Development Co. in 1999.

In 2001, Tillerson was named Senior Vice President of Exxon Mobil Corporation, and in 2004 he was elected President of the corporation and a member of the Board of Directors on March 1, 2004. He assumed his current position of Chairman and CEO on January 1, 2006. Under his leadership, ExxonMobil has become one of the largest and most successful publicly held corporations in the world. Under Tillerson's direction, ExxonMobil has also become a leader in the effort to improve educational outcomes for all students—especially in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Tillerson has long been active in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). He earned the rank

of Eagle Scout in Troop 20 in 1965. From 2010 to 2012 he served as National President of the BSA and remains on the executive board. In 2010, he was named a Distinguished Eagle and was awarded the Silver Buffalo for his service to the National Council of BSA. In 2012, he was awarded the Silver Beaver for his service to his local BSA Council in Dallas, Texas.

Tillerson is also involved in several business organizations, including as a trustee at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and at the American Petroleum Institute, and as a member of the Business Roundtable and formerly the Executive Committee of the Business Council (in 2011 and 2012). Tillerson is also the vice chairman of the Ford's Theatre Society, and a former director of the United Negro College Fund.

In 2006, Tillerson was named a Distinguished Engineer Graduate by the UT Cockrell School of Engineering. He is also a member of the Chancellor's Council, Development Board and the Engineering Advisory Board for the University of Texas at Austin, where he was named a distinguished alumnus in 2007. In 2011, he received an honorary doctorate engineering degree from the Worcester Polytechnic Institute. In 2012, he received the Lincoln Medal from Ford's Theatre Society.

Tillerson is a native of Texas, born in Wichita Falls and a graduate of Huntsville High School in Huntsville, class of 1970. While at UT Austin, he participated in Tejas Club, the Longhorn Band, and Alpha Phi Omega. He and his wife live in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and have four children and four grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 24th District of Texas, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Rex W. Tillerson on the high professional accomplishment of his induction into the National Academy of Engineering.

#### HONORING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADVANCED LIGHT SOURCE RESEARCH FACILITY

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 3, 2013*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Advanced Light Source (ALS) research facility at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory on the occasion of its 20th anniversary. For two decades, this remarkable scientific tool has provided scientists, students and organizations from around the United States and the world access to extremely bright sources of intense and coherent short-wavelength light for use in scientific experiments.

The intensity of the ALS's light source is one billion times brighter than the sun, allowing researchers to characterize the electronic structure of matter and to reveal microscopic structures with elemental and chemical specificity.

This extraordinary tool, by revealing the molecular and chemical makeup of organic and inorganic materials, offers unprecedented opportunities for state-of-the art research in materials science, biology, chemistry, physics, and the environmental sciences. Uniquely fo-

cused on providing "soft" x-ray's unlike most other light sources, discoveries made at the Advanced Light Source research facility have led to Nobel Prizes, the development of new energy solutions, and advanced health care solutions.

The planning and design process of the Advanced Light Source began in 1987, and ground was broken in 1988, with construction completed in 1993. The official dedication took place on the morning of October 22, 1993.

Funded by the Department of Energy Office of Science, the nation's largest funder of the physical sciences, the Advanced Light Source has contributed directly to the nation's innovation vitality and economic security.

Through a rigorous and independent peer review process, only the most important research proposals are accepted each year to utilize ALS's 40 beamlines, which operate simultaneously over 5,000 hours per year. More than 2,000 researchers from academic, industrial, and government laboratories worldwide use the ALS and publish an estimated 600 scientific publications annually.

To date, extraordinary research at the ALS has led to a number of discoveries, including: longer-lasting lithium-ion batteries for electric vehicles; nanoscale magnetic imaging for compact data storage; plastic solar cells that are flexible and easy to produce; inroads into developing artificial photosynthesis for clean, renewable energy; fine-tuning of combustion for cleaner-burning fuels; more effective chemical reactions for fuel cells; the use of microbes to clean up toxins; cheaper biofuels from renewable sources; characterizing protein structures for rational drug design; and production of even-smaller transistors for more powerful computers.

Truly, the Advanced Light Source continues to be among our country's most important and relevant research tools for the advancement of science and technology. Moreover, the scientific discoveries and contributions resulting from its use are fundamental to the growth and vibrancy of our nation's economy.

On behalf of California's 13th Congressional District, I offer my congratulations and best wishes to all employees of the ALS, former and current, on reaching this important milestone. I look forward to working with the Lab and with the Department of Energy on securing a bright future for this extraordinary scientific resource.

#### HONORING LT. COLONEL ROBERT VAUCHER ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE NEW JERSEY AVIATION HALL OF FAME

**HON. LEONARD LANCE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 3, 2013*

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lt. Colonel Robert Vaucher, of Bridgewater, New Jersey, on his induction into the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame. Lt. Col. Vaucher enlisted in the US Army Air Corps in 1940 and served valiantly throughout the entirety of World War II. He has remained a presence in his community and in service to our country since.

Lt. Col. Vaucher was first assigned to Central America in 1942, where he logged over

1,000 hours in the air protecting the Panama Canal. For his steadfast efforts he was selected to be part of the B-29 bomber test team, which was charged with testing and modifying the B-29 before it was ready for combat use. Lt. Col. Vaucher was the first pilot ever to fly the B-29 at an elevation of 38,000 feet. In recognition of his contributions to the B-29 program, he was selected as Mission Commander to lead 525 B-29s in a final show-of-force flight over General MacArthur's Japanese surrender signing ceremony on the USS Battleship Missouri.

Lt. Col. Vaucher's courage and dedication in serving others continued long after he left the Air Force Reserve in 1962. He has been a local leader in Bridgewater Township for decades. His efforts helped lead to the establishment of the Bridgewater-Raritan Regional School District, the Bridgewater Township Police Department and the Bridgewater Township sewage system. I applaud Lt. Col. Vaucher's decorated history of military and community service, and congratulate him for his induction into the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame.

#### CONGRATULATING TAIWAN ON THEIR NATIONAL DAY

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 3, 2013*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Taiwan's National Day—a day more commonly referred to as Double Ten Day as it falls on October 10. Double 10 Day is a joyous and important day for the Taiwanese people, and I am proud to join in the celebration of this anniversary.

The United States and Taiwan, formally known as the Republic of China, have long enjoyed a mutual and beneficial friendship—one forged by our political, economic, cultural, and strategic ties. This strong alliance is predicated in part on shared values. In fact, Taiwan has nurtured a stable democracy and vibrant economy that encourages the entrepreneurial spirit. In the past year, the U.S.-Taiwan relationship has been further strengthened through Taiwan's inclusion in the U.S. visa-waiver program and the resumption of trade talks between our two countries, as part of the Trade and Investment Framework Agreement.

Taiwan has become an economic engine in Asia and it continues to play a critical role in the global supply chain for technology products. In 2012, Taiwan imported over \$6 billion in goods from California and it is currently our country's 7th largest export market in the world. I have had the pleasure of meeting President Ma and Ambassador King Putschung, and believe their strong visionary leadership will continue to fortify the bridge between our two countries.

As the Representative of California's 17th district and as the Chair Emeritus of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, I know firsthand the invaluable impact of the more than 13,000 people of Taiwanese descent residing in the heart of Silicon Valley, and the more than 180,000 Taiwanese-Americans living in the San Francisco Bay Area. In fact, Santa Clara Valley is home to the 2nd largest Taiwanese-American population in the